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1. On 28 September 1953, the Strassburg Kaserne in Grimma was occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. At about 9:30 a.m. on 17 September, 250 to 300 soldiers trained with 6 T-43 tanks in the billeting area. On 21 September, 500 to 550 troops engaged in firing practice in the barracks yard. On 25 September, jeep occupied by supply officer Captain Zenushki (fnu) moved out of the installation. At about 2 p.m. on 28 September, there was intensive traffic at the garages. Armored personnel carriers stood in the barracks yard. Trucks were seen in traffic to and from the installation. 50X1-HUM
2. On 28 September, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied by a total of 1,200 troops who included 600 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 300 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, 200 men wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and about 100 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 17, 21 and 25 September, about 130 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets, engaged in firing practice, callisthenics and field training near the Rappenberg hill. Motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from the installation. 50X1-HUM
3. Many officers and orderlies entered and left the Nagemma between 12 and 28 September. 50X1-HUM
4. On 15 September, about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 8 T-43 tanks were seen on the Otterwisch tank training site, engaged in aiming practice at dummy tanks. In some instances, live ammunition was used. On 13 September, about 400 troops and 8 tanks practiced aiming on the training site. On 23 September, armored personnel carriers were parked on the training site in front of the guardhouse. On 24 September, troops practiced firing with live ammunition with 7 T-43 tanks. 50X1-HUM
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Comment.

the units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Grimma have already been at the post in late August and have some of the elements trained on the Otterwisch training grounds. []

The present report tends to indicate that the occupation remained unchanged until late September. Units still carried there included the Hq 8th Gds Mecz Div in the Nagema in the southern section of the Elsner Kaserne, the 21st Gds Mecz Regt in the Strassburg Kaserne []

and the unidentified signal battalion in the Elsner Kaserne []

It could not be determined whether the 133d Gds Engr Bn is stationed in the Strassburg Kaserne or Elsner Kaserne. The 600 troops with artillery insignia again make it appear that the 265th Gds Mort Regt from Wurzen was transferred to the Elsner Kaserne. Supply officer Captain Zenushki (fnu) is reported for the first time.

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